PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #74A	<u>8</u>		Buil.	ding Date _	C. 1901
Building Name	Mullikin/Bowie Hous	e & Meathouse	(Mount Oak)		- Marketin
Location	2804 Church Road, Mi	tchellville, Ma	aryland		
Open to Public	:Yes _x No	Occupied: _	Yes X No	Use <u>Priva</u>	te Residence

Architectural Description:

The early 20th century Mullikin/Bowie House has a commanding location on a hill overlooking Church Road. It is a two-story, five-bay by one-bay frame dwelling with a two-story, three-bay by one-bay kitchen ell. It rests on a poured concrete foundation, is covered with german siding (painted white), and has a hip roof. A two-story bay window covers the south end of the main block. The principal facade faces east. The roofline on this facade is broken by a central cross gable. The central entrance has a four-paneled door with a narrow, single-paned transom and is flanked by narrow, paneled side panels surmounted by narrow, single-paned sidelights. A one-story porch with a hip roof covers the central three bays of the main facade. It is supported by elegant, narrow squared columns with capitals marked only by a simple molding.

There are three interior brick chimneys - two placed on either side of a central staircase in the main block and one placed towards the rear of the ell.

The interior plan has a central staircase with one room on either side. All interior moldings are simple with bulls-eye corner blocks.

There are several outbuildings associated with this site, including a meathouse, two machine sheds, a corn crib, two small buildings, and three barns.

The meathouse is the most significant of the outbuildings. It is a small gable roofed frame structure with an entrance in the east gable end. The framing consists of numerous studs, placed approximately three inches apart and set into sills, which are laid directly on the ground.

Significance: The Mullikin/Bowie House is significant as an intact example of a typical early twentieth century vernacular farmhouse. It is believed to be a mailorder house, possibly Sears and Roebuck, a highly popularized method of construction in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The meathouse, which predates the house, is also notable for its method of construction. The framing consists of numerous studs, placed approximately three inches apart in order to discourage theivery.

Both the house and meathouse are significant for their setting; situated on a hill, historically known as "Mount Oak," the farm with its impressive view across the countryside, has served as a community landmark.

And finally, the house and meathouse are important for their association with the Mullikins and Bowies, prominent families in Prince George's County history.

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Survey No. 74A-8

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historic "Mour	nt Oak"			
and/or common	Mullikin/Bowie Ho	ouse and Meathouse		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	2804 Church Roa	d		not for publication
city, town Mit	chellville	X_ vicinity of	congressional district	
state Mar	ryland	county	Prince George's	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public _X_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered X_ not applicable	Status occupied X unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted _X_ no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	erty (give names a	and mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name Dan Me	lvin (contract pur	chaser 7/83)		
street & number	13422 Yorktown	Road	telephone n	(work) °·:(301)262-1313
city, town	Bowie	state	and zip code MD	
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Descripti	on	
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7. Desi	cription			Su	irvey No. 74A-8	
Condition —— excellent —— good —X fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one X unaltered Altered	Check one X original site moved date	e of move		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The windows are all 2/2 sash except for one 6/6 sash window on the east elevation of the enclosed porch. All windows have simpled molded surrounds.

The hip roof and the enclosed porch shed roof are covered with standing seam metal which appears to have been tarred.

There are three interior brick chimneys - two placed on either side of a central staircase in the main block and one placed towards the rear of the ell.

The only cellar area of the house extends approximately one-half of the way under the ell. It is reached through a covered entrance at the rear, north elevation of the ell.

The interior plan has a central staircase with one room on either side. The staircase rises to a landing at the one-half story level, makes a 90° turn and continues to the second story. It has a simple turned balustrade and a plain, square newal post ornamented by a simple shield relief design.

The chimneys in the main block service two fireplaces in the first story rooms. They are adorned with typical wooden mantels. A large built-in cupboard is situated next to the fireplace in the south, or bay window room. The kitchen ell is reached through an entrance from this room. A long narrow pantry lies between the bay window room and the kitchen. Both the pantry and the kitchen have beaded wainscoting. The enclosed porch is reach from the kitchen. The exterior siding is visible in the enclosed porch. It is painted yellow, possibly the original color of the house.

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Summary Paragraph

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8. Significance

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History and Support

The Mullikin/Bowie House was constructed in c. 1901 on land owned by Corrilla Weems Mullikin. It replaced an earlier house which burned in that year. The earlier house was the property of John Beanes Mullikin, the son of James Mullikin V of "Mullikins Delight", a prominent family in Prince George's County. The property, part of "Mount Oak" was acquired by Corrilla Weems Mullikin from the will of her father, John Beanes Mullikin, who died in 1862.

Corrilla Mullikin deeded this property (117 8/10 acres) to her nephew, John Mullikin Bowie, in 1904, for whom the present house is associated with. The meathouse appears to date from the earlier farm of John B. Mullikin. Based on the 1910 Federal Census, Corrilla Mullikin, aged 66, was living with her nephew, John Bowie, aged 40, and family of four.

Major Bibliographical References Survey No. 74A-8 Interview with Page Clagett, July 13, 1983. G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington Including the County of Prince George's Maryland. Interview with Dan Melvin, July 13, 1983. **Geographical Data** Acreage of nominated property _ Quadrangle scale _ Quadrangle name UTM References do NOT complete UTM references Zone Zone Verbal boundary description and justification List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries code code county state code code county state Form Prepared By 11. Donna Ware, Planning Technician name/title organization M-NCPPC/Prince George's Planning Dept. date July 1983 telephone (301) 952-3520 Rm. 4010, County Administration Bldg. street & number Maryland Upper Marlboro state city or town

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

There are several outbuildings associated with this site, the most interesting being the meathouse. It is a small gable roofed frame structure with an entrance in the east gable end. The sills of this structure are laid directly on the ground and are mortise and tenoned at the corners and secured with unusually large pegs. The plates are lapped at the corners. The numerous studs are placed approximately three inches apart and are supported with diagonal bracings running from the sills to the cornerposts. The exterior is covered with wide riven cypress siding. The floor is dirt.

The remaining outbuildings are frame and consist of: two machine sheds, one corn crib, two small buildings, one barn in the process of construction (1983), one 19th century barn (in ruins), and one large early 20th century barn, which was used as a tobacco barn and includes a small drying room wing.

The Mullikin/Bowie House and Meathouse outbuildings presently lie within the potential 245.60 acre Mt. Oak Estates and development plan area. The present owner of the house, Dan Melvin, has obtained six acres surrounding the house and some of the outbuildings. The remaining lots, not yet developed, are proposed to be five acres in size.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Footnotes

- 1 Interview with Dan Melvin, Contract purchaser, July 13, 1983.
- Bernard Herman, "Outbuilding Construction," Paper delivered at the Maryland Historical Trust's Surveyor's Conference, July 15, 1983.
- Interview with Mrs. Floyd Lankford, Jr., (Corrie Clagett Lankford), July 19, 1983; Prince George's County Land Records Liber JWB #1, Folio 168 and Liber 18, Folio 558; and Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1900-1910.
- 4 Mrs. Floyd Lankford, Jr.
- 5 Deed Search contained in the folder of "Mullikin's Delight" #74A-10.
- Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB #1, Folio 168; and Will of John B. Mullikin, Administration Docket #587.
- Prince George's county Land Records Liber 18, Folio 558.
- ⁸ 1910 Federal Census for Prince George's County, Queen Anne District. According to Page Bowie Clagett, his grandfather John Bowie, was born on March 4, 1860 and would therefore have been 50 years of age at the 1910 Federal Census, (Letter from Page Bowie Clagett, August 12, 1983).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (continued)

Herman, Bernard. "Outbuilding Construction." Paper delivered at the Maryland Historical Trust's Surveyor's Conference, July 15, 1983.

Interview with Mrs. Floyd Lankford, Jr., (Corrie Clagett Lankford), July 19, 1983.

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Prince George's County 1910 Federal Census, Queen Anne District.

Prince George's County Land Records

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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The house is a two story, frame building with a five bay, main (east) facade. There is a central gable, and a porch runs across the facade. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. Chimneys flank the hall partition walls. To the west is an integral, two story wing with an internal chimney. On the south end there is a two story bay window with a conical roof.

West of the house is a meathouse. It is frame with an A-roof and sheathed with clapboard sheathing. There is also a large frame corn crib.

8. SIGNIFICANCE PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) 20th Century Pre-Calumbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 17th Century 2 19th Century ☐ 15th Century SPECIFIC DATE(5) (If Applicable and Known) AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Urban Planning ☐ Political ☐ Education Abor iginal Prehistoric Other (Specify) Religian/Phi-Engineering Historic Industry lasaphy Agriculture ☐ Invention Science Architecture ☐ Landscape Sculpture ☐ Art Architecture Social/Human-Commerce ☐ Literature itarian Communications ■ Military Theater □ Conservation ☐ Music ☐ Transportation STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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CHAIN OF TITLE

P6#74-A-8 Mullikin/Bowie House and Meathouse

L4211 F704 - December 17, 1979

Between: Corrie M. Clagett Lankford, Page Bowie Clagett, and Hal C. B. Clagett, Personal Representatives of the Estate of Corilla M.

Bowie Clagett (Deceased Administration No. 25,708 of the Orphan's

Court)

and

Corrie M. Clagett Lankford (recorded under fifth item of Will of Corilla M. Bowie Clagett - Septebmer 24, 1964) parcel known as "Mount Oak" contains 139.3227 acres recorded in 4000/298 September 24, 1971

81.2774/139.3227 th interest

L4000 F298 - September 24, 1971

Grantor: Edwin M. Short

Grantee: Corilla Bowie Clagett and Catrina Beale Bowie

Corilla - 81.2774/139.3227th interest Catrina - 58.0453/139.3227th interest

Tract of land at intersection of Woodmoor Road and Church - same conveyed by Corilla and Catrina to Short in 363/47 August 30, 1968 (incorrect liber and folio, should be 3631/47) containing 139.3227 acres with buildings and improvements....

Correct liber and folio is September 9, 1968 3631/47.

3631/47 - August 30, 1968

Grantor: Corilla Bowie Clagett (Corrilla) (unmarried)

Catrina Beale Bowie (Katrina)

Grantee: Edwin M. Short

....being the remainder of the land described in a conveyance from Cornelia M. Bowie unmarried to Corilla Bowie Clagett, widow in 3393/103 August 1, 1968

139.3227 acres

Grantors reserve right to crops harvested in 1968 and buildings until July 1, 1969.

3393/103 - August 1, 1966

Grantor: Cornelia M. Bowie

Grantee: Corilla B. Clagett (widow and not remarried; 2nd party)

Being all of the (117 acre tract in which Katrina Bowie obtained 1/2 interest and Corrilla Millikin Bowie and Cornelia M. Bowie obtained 1/2 interest as devisees under will of John M. Bowie - described in W. Record Liber WTD5 Folio 36 - 116.0906 acres

Being part of lands which Corrilla and Cornelia obtained as heirs at law of John M. Bowie - Deed August 10, 1931; 373/441 from John to Corrilla described as:

Part 1 = 3.0022 acres Part 2 = 45.2299 acres

3rd Party - Katrina joins in confirming description of 3.0022 acres and .8 acre, (tenant house). (Katrina signed in Hancock County, Maine)

373/441 - August 10, 1931

Grantor: John M. Bowie

Grantee: Corrilla Bowie Clagett, trustee

First: tract, part of "Mount Oak" Equity 1190 Mulliken (sic), and others vs. Bowie and others. Conveyed to John from Ellen and Frank C. Addison and Arthur G. Bowie - Deed of Partition June 8, 1891 - 99-7/16 acres less 32 acres

less 32 acres conveyed by John and wife to Grafton C. D. Townshend 3/31/1893 - JWB 25/221.

Second: 92-1/4 acres being part of "Locust Hill" conveyed by Corrilla W. Milliken (sic), to John Bowie - October 24, 1898 - JB#3/546

Third: 8/10 acres part of "Mount Oak" and part of Lot #2 in Equity 1190 which equals 117=8/10 acres

117-8/10 conveyed to John Bowie by Corrilla Mulliken (sic), in deed 3/14/1904 - 18/558

Exception: 117 acres of said Lot 2, intention only to convey

8/10 acre

8/10 acres includes one tenant dwelling house, con-

taining 4 rooms

Exception: John Bowie - use and occupcy for his natural life

Trust: Son James Page Bowie shall collect rent and income

from said property.

18/558 - March 14, 1904

Grantor: Corrilla W. Mullikin

Grantee: John M. Bowie

All pieces and parcels of land obtained from Joseph S. Roberts,

trustee on August 2, 1982 - JWB 1/168

(1) part of Mount Oak - 117-8/10 acares

(2) Parcel = 16 acres

Buildings and improvements....

JWB1/168 - August 2, 1892

Grantor: Joseph S. Roberts, trustee

Grantee: Corrilla Mullikin

Equity case 1190 November 10, 1877 between Corrilla and others

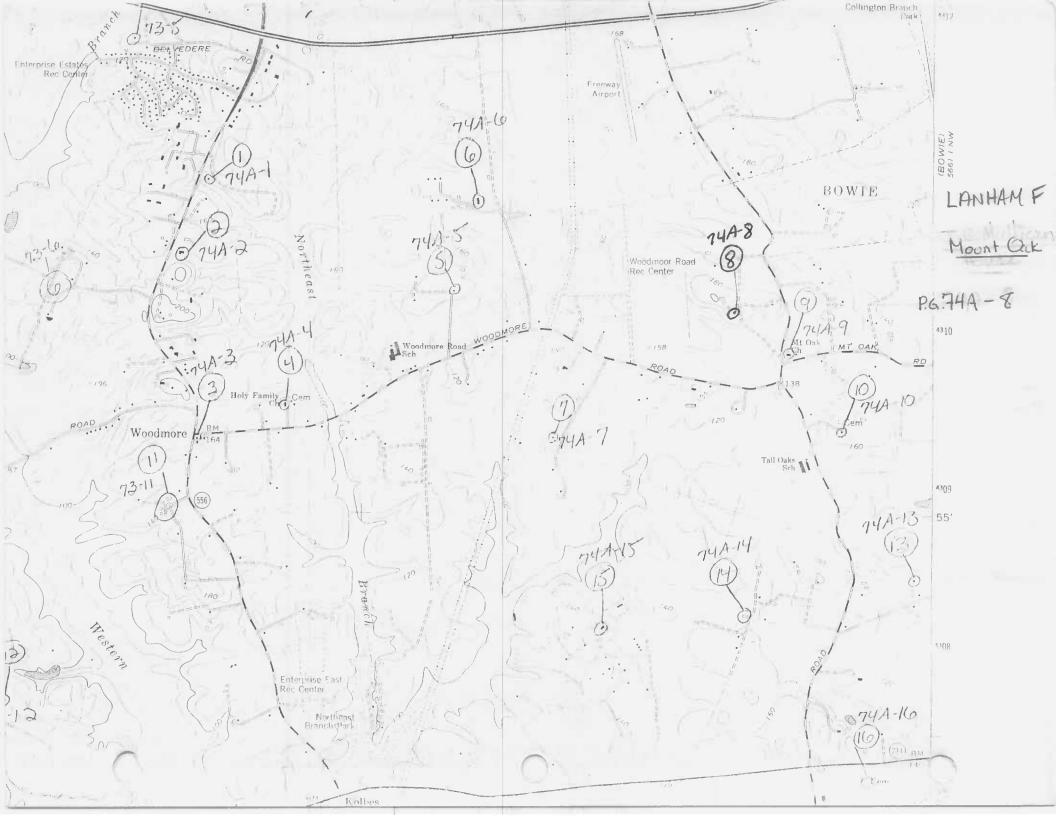
(complaintants), and John Bowie and others (defendants)

Roberts appointed trustee Sell real estate on May 14, 1881 - Sold to Henry H. Carter -\$14,540 = 293 acres and 15 acres woodland and 200-1/2 acres

Sale ratified June 14, 1881. On July 29, 1882, Cornellia (sic., Corrilla) was substituted as purchaser of Lot No. 2 of Mount Oak = 117-8/10 acres and the woodland lot = 16 acres, instead of Carter. \$5,792.12 being in full the balance due her upon the legacy of five thousand dollars bequeathed her by her father John B. Mullikin deceased and in full of her distributive share in the proceeds of sale of said real estate as one of his devisees...

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Note: Captain James Mullikin (V) was father of John Beanes Mullikin.
Other sons - William Beanes and James, who was the father of James
Mullikin, J. B.'s son-in-law and nephew. (Source: 7#A-10 Title
Search)





Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
July 1984
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak J.B. Mullikin house Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl July 1984

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
July 1984
Meathouse, East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house Prince George's County, MD Susan G. Pearl July 1984

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
Meathouse, Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house Prince George's County, MD Susan G. Pearl July 1984

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Mt. Oak, J.B. Mullikin house
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July 1984
South elevation
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LOCATION CHURCH + MT. OAK Rds. - (MT. OAK) MITCHELLVILLE, MCL

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NAME J. B. MULLIKEN HOUSE LOCATION CHURCH + MT. OAK Rds (MT. OAK) MITCHELL VILLE, Md FACADE E PHOTO TAKEN 10/7/74 MOWYER



NAME J.B. MULIKEN - MEAT HOUSE

LOCATION CHURCH + MT. OAK Rds. (MT. OAK) MITCHELLVILLE, Md.

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